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EA/PHL AND CINCPAC FOR AMB. MURPHY

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: MILITARY-TO-MILITARY DISCUSSIONS/JUNE 1
- MEETING WITH GEN. ESPINO
REF: (A) STATE 136988, (B) CINCPAC 270821Z MAY 78
1. SUMMARY. RADM HARDISTY AND MGEN POSTON MET WITH
GEN ESPINO JUNE 1, AS SCHEDULED. ESPINO SAID HE HAS
HIS AUTHORITY FROM MARCOS, PRESENTED AN ALL-MILITARY
PANEL AND LAUNCHED THE PROCESS IN A POSITIVE MANNER.
END SUMMARY.
2. RADM HARDISTY AND MGEN POSTON DEBRIEFED EMBASSY
IMMEDIATELY AFTER 45-MINUTE MEETING WITH ESPINO JUNE 1.
FOLLOWING ARE THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SESSION WITH ESPINO:
A. ESPINO SAID HE NOW HAS INSTRUCTIONS FROM MARCOS.
HE (ESPINO) WILL LEAD A PHILIPPINE PANEL COMPOSED OF
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BGEN MAMERTO BOCANEGRA, BGEN OSCAR ALEJANDRO,
COMMODORE RACHEL CRUZ AND COL FELICIANO GACIS. ESPINO
CONFIRMED THAT DISCUSSIONS WILL BE MILITARY-TO-MILITARY.
HE MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE WILL BE IN CHARGE AND THAT HE
WILL PARTICIPATE ALL HE CAN.

B. ESPINO INDICATED THAT THE THREE AGENDA ITEMS TO
BE ADDRESSED ARE (1) THE DELIMITATION OF FACILITIES,

(2) THE PHILIPPINE BASE COMMANDER AND (3) SECURITY. HE AGREED THAT OTHER ISSUES SHOULD NOT BE TABLED. ESPINO SUGGESTED, AND HARDISTY AND POSTON AGREED, THAT WORK SHOULD BEGIN WITH CLARK. ESPINO AGREED THAT THE PANELS SHOULD STAY INTACT AND TACKLE ONE ISSUE AT A TIME.

C. ESPINO SUGGESTED, AND HARDISTY AND POSTON AGREED, THAT THE FIRST WORKING SESSION TAKE PLACE AT HIS CONFERENCE ROOM AT 0900, THURSDAY, JUNE 8. HARDISTY AND ESPINO WILL EXCHANGE PROPOSED AGENDAS ON MONDAY, JUNE 5 FOR THE JUNE 8 MEETING. (HARDISTY WILL DRAW FROM OUR BASIC GUIDANCE.) SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS WILL ALSO BE AT ESPINO'S CONFERENCE ROOM, ALTHOUGH ESPINO SAID HE WOULD LIKE LATER TO MEET A TIME OR TWO AT THE BASES.

D. ESPINO ASKED WHETHER THERE HAD BEEN ANY CHANGE IN THE US POSITIONS SINCE THE US PROPOSALS OF FEBRUARY 13. IN THE COURSE OF A BRIEF REVIEW OF THE ISSUES BY HARDISTY AND POSTON, ESPINO SAID HE HAD NOT SEEN THE GOP AIDE MEMOIRS OF MARCH 21, 1978 AND MARCH 28, 1978, NOR THE US AIDE MEMOIRE OF APRIL 20, 1978. (AT ESPINO'S REQUEST, WE ARE DELIVERING COPIES TO HIM THIS AFTERNOON.) HARDISTY SAID THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO USE THE GOP AIDE MEMOIRE OF MARCH 28 AS THE POINT OF DEPARTURE IN THE DISCUSSIONS.

E. IT WAS REAFFIRMED THAT ALL DECISIONS
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REACHED IN THE MILITARY-TO-MILITARY DISCUSSIONS WILL
BE SUBJECT TO HIGHER AUTHORITY.

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